



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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RE: MURs 4395, 4480 and 4669
Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc.
Clinton/Gore '96 General Committee, Inc.

Dear Ms. Utrecht and Mr. Kleinfeld:

On June 28, 1996, October 2, 1996 and November 4, 1996, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc. and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer of three separate complaints (MURs 4395, 4480, and 4669, respectively) alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("FECA") and Chapters 95 and 96 of Title 26, United States Code. Although notification of the complaint in MUR 4669 was sent to the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc., you filed a joint response on behalf of the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc., the Clinton/Gore '96 General Committee, Inc. and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer of both committees.

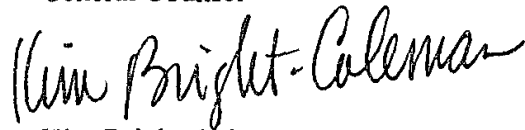
On November 9, 1999, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided in your response, that there is no reason to believe that the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc. and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer violated any provision of the FECA or the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act, as amended, 26 U.S.C. §§ 9031-9042 ("Matching Payment Act") with respect to the allegations in the complaint filed by Goodwin P. Back (MUR 4395). On the same date, the Commission found, on the basis of the information provided in the complaint, information provided in your response and information provided by Richard Morris, that there is no reason to believe that the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc. and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer violated any provision of the FECA or the Matching Payment Act with respect to the allegations in the complaint filed by Richard A. Delgaudio (MUR 4480). Finally, on the same date the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided in your response, that there is no reason to believe that the Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc. and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer, and the Clinton/Gore '96 General Committee, Inc. and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer violated any provision of the FECA, the Matching Payment Act, or the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act, as amended, 26 U.S.C. §§ 9001-9013, with respect to the allegations in the complaint filed by Mark Kleinman (MUR 4669). Accordingly, the Commission closed the files in these matters. A copy of the General Counsel's Report for these three matters is enclosed for your information.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and these matters are now public. In addition, although the complete files must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the files may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Delanie DeWitt Painter, the attorney assigned to these matters at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel



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Associate General Counsel

Enclosure -- General Counsel's Report